

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Martin Stohr has threshed 5,000 bushels of wheat, which averaged 25 bushels to the acre. His oats will yield 50 bushels to the acre.

There is a change in climatic conditions in this part of the State, no doubt wrought by irrigation in Colorado and the absence of prairie fires. The growth of trees this year is remarkable.

The big pasture fences that include government land have been coming down rapidly since the recent order of the department to the effect that they must go. In a short time one of Finney county's most profitable industries will be a thing of the past. Old settlers will remember a similar occurrence during the reign of Grover Cleveland.—Garden City Sentinel.

The United States Land Office at Dodge City is preparing to sell at public sale, all the disconnected tracts of government land in this land district. The sale will be at the Land Office, but the date has not been fixed yet. The lands must sell for not less than \$1.25 per acre, and one person can buy only one tract. Any person desiring the sale of a tract of land must fill a proper affidavit with the Land office at Dodge. The lands are located mostly in Barber, Comanche and Clark counties. A transcript of the lands has been sent to Washington, and upon return of an order the lands will be advertised and sold.

A burglar met with a warm reception last Saturday night as he was crawling along the side of Dr. Logan and D. L. Bopst's place on Railroad Avenue, trying to peep in one of the windows. He was having everything his own way until a young lady, who lives across the street, saw him, as she was sitting out in her front yard, about a quarter to eleven. She saw at once that he was an intruder and possibly a burglar, so spoke to one of the gentlemen in the house, who quickly dressed and slipped out with his six shooter. The burglar saw him coming and started to run. He hollowed to halt! Bang!! Halt! Bang!! the bullets playing a merry tune all around him several times. We do not know if the burglar was shot or not as he fell once while running. Every one in the neighborhood has been polishing up their guns as there are some people who believe that there are no good burglars except dead ones.

Two hundred and twenty five people attended the sociable given by the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor, at T. E. French's lawn, Monday night. F. J. Oyler was Master of ceremonies. The Degree of Honor quartette, composed of Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Crumrine, Mrs. Swinehart and Miss Kinkead, sang some beautiful songs. Dick Stubbs received much praise for three songs which he sang. The address of welcome to the Degree of Honor was made by Judge Madison in his usual felicitous style, and was responded to by Miss Grace Hale in a very charming manner. The refreshment committee, composed of Messrs Coons, Jack Lillis and Swett, certainly did their work in fine order, as the supply of ice-cream, cake and lemonade was plentiful and elegant. Judge Oyler presided in his usual dignified manner and announced that the next sociable would be held at his home three weeks from that date. The party closed their night's entertainment with the song, H me,

Sweet Home. Fine music was furnished by Beeson's orchestra.

RAILROAD NEWS.

—Clem Crawford has been laying off a few days.

—Conductor Judd was off a few days this week and D. J. Luster was out on the local in his place.

—Brakeman S. S. Green laid off a few days this week.

—Several big engines have gone east this week to help move the Kansas grain crop.

—"Oscar" Gardner has been switching this week owing to a shortage of extra switchmen.

—"Pop" Kelsey took a vacation of several days this week.

—Engineer Benj. Williams is laying off.

—Jerry Shaw is at work again after a few days sickness.

—Walt Adams has been "bumped" off the hill and is running a pool engine out of Dodge.

—Business is fair on the western division.

—Judging from the amount and quality of equipment passing through here the Colorado roads must be in a prosperous condition.

—A circus train of ten cars passed through here Sunday morning going west.

—100 car trains are becoming very common at present.

—Seniority on the middle division for trainmen has been cut at Newton like it was several years ago.

—Cattle and sheep business is beginning to show up.

—Rocky Ford cantalopes are moving in car load lots.

—Conductor Pond has been laying off a few days on account of sickness in his family.

—Conductor James A. Corey has gone to work, being assigned to way car No. 4. This puts J. M. Dodge on the local between here and Coolidge.

—When the Santa Fe finishes the work of reducing the heavy grades and gets some good sized engines there is no way of telling how many cars will be handled in a train.

—Douglas Hall, of the freight house force, leaves this week to visit his folks in England.

—Engineer Gilbert will go to work in a few days after being off 90 days on account of appendicitis.

—C. F. Olin, while helping to shift a boiler loaded on a flat car, Thursday last, lost his balance and was thrown off the car. His head struck against a push car, and a deep gash cut in his skull. Mr. Olin is going around with a bandaged head, but he considers himself in no danger.

—The Indian in the foreground adorns the front page of a map folder issued by the Santa Fe Route. The Santa Fe was the first railway to take the initiative in the development of the west. It penetrated the western country before the Indians had become fully civilized and in advance of settlement by white people. It now nearly spans the continent. The progress of this great railway is one of the marvels of the age. Its immense traffic in freight and passengers is con-

stantly growing. The Santa Fe Route is the most popular one to the Pacific coast.

—C. H. McVey, who is drilling an artesian well for the Santa Fe north of the roundhouse, informs us that the well is about completed. A depth of 525 feet has already been reached. The new well will be about the same depth as the one located north of the back shops—625 feet. The capacity of the latter well is 100 gallons per minute—by the deep well pumping process. The new well is to be equipped with an eighteen-inch stroke gasoline engine, similar to that now in use on the hospital well.—La Junta Tribune.

—An order has been issued by the Santa Fe management governing the rate of speed to be maintained by engineers with the new consolidation engines. The order says that a rate of a mile in two minutes is all that will be allowed when the engine is running light, or when hauling a freight train, unless under very urgent circumstances.

—The Santa Fe road will within a few days have 600 borrowed box cars in use hauling wheat from Kansas points to the Missouri river elevators. The Rock Island during the past eighteen months built nearly 3000 freight cars, and as a result will not be compelled to borrow equipments from eastern lines. However, none of the Kansas roads, regardless of what the freight equipment represents, will be able to supply the demand for cars for the transportation of wheat.

Following out the custom inaugurated two years ago, the Santa Fe is storing coal at different points along the line. Heretofore the railroads have experienced great difficulty at times in keeping the coal supply from running short because of the fact that snow storms often block traffic until the supply in the yards and chutes is exhausted. To guard against shortage is the reason for the shortage of the coal. On the Chicago division ten thousand tons will be divided between Chillicothe and Fort Madison. On the New Mexico division ten thousand tons will be divided between Raton and San Marcial. La Junta will get 13,000 tons and Dodge City 12,000. In Kansas 10,000 tons of Frontenac coal is being stored at each of the following places: Topeka, Newton, Arkansas City and North Ottawa. The same amount is being stored at Edmund, Oklahoma Ter.

T. A. Nofztger Nominated for Senator by Republicans.

The Republican Senatorial convention met at Harper, August 9, and organized with R. M. Painter of Meade, chairman, and Samuel Griffin of Medicine Lodge, secretary. Samuel Jackson of Comanche, J. W. Davis of Greenwood, Kiowa county, and T. A. Nofztger of Anthony, were placed in nomination. On the first four ballots there was no choice. On the fifth Nofztger received 15 votes, a majority of three, and was declared the unanimous choice. The following committeemen were named: J. M. Lobaugh, M. G. Stevenson, J. R. Baird, J. A. Fred Washbon, J. W. Davis, R. W. Painter, F. R. Ellis. The central committee organized with Fred Washbon, of Anthony, chairman. Nofztger claims to be absolutely unpledged for United States Senator. His own delegation was equally divided in sentiment between Burton and Baker.

Have you seen those ladies' rockers for \$1.25 at the CRESCENT?

Rock Island Surveyors Working in New Mexico.

A Santa Fe, N. M., telegram says: The Rock Island corps of surveyors, under the lead of W. B. Worral, passed through Clayton for Liberal, Kan., about two weeks ago en route to the Pecos river, very likely to Puerto De Luna. They came into New Mexico just around the Texas and Oklahoma boundary line, the railway laws of Texas being so stringent it was deemed advisable to keep out of the state. After having surveyed their line just a short distance below town, they went on to Clapham, twenty-three miles, slightly west of south, on the Pembittas Arroyo. Their main intention was to get as near the Bell ranch as possible, but finding this route entirely unfeasible, they decided to return to Clayton and survey a new route, this time going a great deal more to the east, crossing the Pembittas eight or ten miles southeast of Clapham, and reaching the Canadian just two or three miles below the confluence of the creek and the Canadian river, thence in a westerly direction skirting along the Pajarito until they finally turn southwestward to Puerto De Luna, the end of their survey. It is understood generally that this road is to connect with the El Paso & Northeastern at White Oaks, but this is not positive—the two systems are entirely independent. Another line is to be surveyed from Clayton via Springer to Taos.

Jesse Welch, a prosperous young farmer of Union township, about two weeks ago sold off the remainder of his wheat crop of last year, and received \$250 in cash for it. A week ago last Monday he commenced plowing for his next crop with a gang plow, and carried the money with him in a large bill pocket book. He had not plowed very long when he discovered that he had had lost his pocket-book and the money, and had probably had plowed it under. As soon as he discovered his loss he summoned his neighbor Perry Phillips, and together they began a search for the lost money by turning each furrow back, but up to Monday of this week the lost had not been found. This is quite a loss, but Rush county soil is so fertile that when Jesse harvests his wheat next year he may discover \$100 bills growing instead of wheat.—Walnut Valley Standard.

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